

1, 2000; fourth, restore definitions of jukebox and jukebox operator, which were mistakenly omitted when the old jukebox compulsory license was replaced with the current negotiated jukebox license; fifth, revise the currently unworkable requirement of a 10-day advanced notice of intent to copyright the fixation of live performances, such as sporting events; sixth, clarify administrative issues regarding the operation of the Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panels; seventh, provide needed flexibility for the Librarian of Congress in setting the negotiation period for the distribution of digital audio recording technology [DART] royalties; and, eighth, make miscellaneous spelling, grammatical, capitalization, and other corrections to the Copyright Act.

Mr. President, this is important legislation, and I am pleased the Senate has acted to approve it prior to adjourning this fall. I wish to thank my colleagues and to encourage the House to accept the Senate amendment and to forward H.R. 672 to the President for his signature without delay.●

AWARDING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO THE "LITTLE ROCK NINE"

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today in support of S. 1283, legislation to award the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor Congress can bestow upon civilians for acts of public service and patriotism, to those civil rights leaders history will remember as the "Little Rock Nine."

As all of my colleagues are aware, on September 25, 1957, nine young students, in the face of unspeakable hostility and hatred, voluntarily integrated Central High School in Little Rock, AK. In doing so, they confronted not only an angry mob assembled in fierce opposition, but also an entrenched culture of bigotry and racism.

In today's day and age, lofty terms like valor, heroism, and bravery are used so frequently and in such a casual context the proper impact of their meaning has unfortunately been devalued. However, it is sometimes within the most ordinary acts, such as a child's steps through a schoolhouse door, in which the most extraordinary instances of courage can be found.

Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas are all civil rights pioneers. In addition, however, to serving as national symbols as racial progress, each deserve individual recognition for the dignity and grace they displayed on that September morning 40 years ago.

Mr. President, awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to the "Little Rock Nine" would provide this long overdue honor to these exceptional people. As a U.S. Senator, it is my pleasure to co-sponsor this legislation. As an American, it is my privilege to have the op-

portunity to say thank you to nine men and women who, in pursuit of their own education, taught the rest of the nation an invaluable lesson about racial equality.●

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. AL-LARD). The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—NOMINATION OF WILLIAM E. KENNARD

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that at the hour of 11 a.m., on Wednesday, October 29, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider calendar No. 312, the nomination of William E. Kennard to be a member of the FCC. I further ask unanimous consent that there be 20 minutes of debate, equally divided, between the chairman and the ranking member, with an additional 5 minutes under the control of Senator BURNS and 5 minutes under the control of Senator HELMS. I finally ask unanimous consent that following the expiration or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to a vote on the confirmation of the nomination, and following that vote the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, again on behalf of our leader, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: No. 263, No. 265, No. 266, No. 267, No. 268, No. 311, No. 313, No. 315, No. 316, and No. 331. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

John C. Angell, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

Ernest J. Moniz, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Michael Telson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

Dan Reicher, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy).

Robert Wayne Gee, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Policy, Planning, and Program Evaluation).

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 1995.

Michael K. Powell, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 1997.

Gloria Tristani, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 1998.

Gloria Tristani, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 1998. (Reappointment)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

M. John Berry, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1997

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, again on behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until the hour of 11 a.m., on Wednesday, October 29. I further ask unanimous consent that on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and that the Senate immediately begin consideration of Calendar No. 312, the nomination of William E. Kennard to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission under the order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DEWINE. Again on behalf of the leader, tomorrow morning at 11 a.m., under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of William Kennard to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission. Under the order, there will be 30 minutes of debate on the nomination with a roll-call vote occurring at the expiration or yielding back of that time. Therefore, Members can anticipate a vote at approximately 11:30 a.m.

At 12 noon, it will be the leader's intention for the Senate to turn to consideration of H.R. 1119, the national